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1. PAO (Anti-aircraft Defense) is not connected with PAZ (Anti-aircraft Protection); the latter is of a purely local character.
2. Headquarters of PAO is located in Belgrade, and is commanded by Major General Zarko Vidovic, formerly a major at the Royal Yugoslav Army Staff College. Other headquarters officers are:
 - a. The Assistant Commander-Lt. Col. Marko Hodzic.
 - b. The Chief of Staff-Lt. Col. Milivoje (or Miloje) Lakic.
 - c. The 1 Adjutant-Lt. Col. Kara Mustafic.
 - d. The 2 Adjutant-Major Stevan Prujic.
 - e. The Principal Inspector of PAO schools is Colonel Srdjan Krmpotic.
 - f. The Political Commissar is Lt. Col. Iso Markovic. He is one of the rare high-ranking officers kept on duty as absolutely reliable, after his return from the Soviet Union, where he studied in 1946-47 at the Frunze Academy, in the Anti-aircraft Defense Section.
 - g. The Assistant Political Commissar is Major Bosko Grujic, a former non-commissioned officer of the Yugoslav Royal Air Force, who was condemned for Communist activities in 1935-36.
 - h. The Chief of instruction, tactical exercises and similar subjects, is Lt. Col. Milan Boskovic, a former officer of the Royal Yugoslav Air Force. After a short period of duty in Zadar, Boskovic was transferred to the headquarters of PAO in Belgrade. His former post was then filled by Lt. Col. Milisav Perisic, formerly a major at the Royal Yugoslav Army Staff College. Perisic served under the Soviet Colonel Maslakov as first instructor.
1. The Chief of the PAO Zone Zadar II is Lt. Col. Veljko Simic, formerly the commander of the Anti-aircraft School of Zadar; he was appointed to this post after the Cominform-Tito conflict in 1948, thus replacing the Red Army Colonel Kolja Maslakov (Kolja is the diminutive of Nikolaj; probably this man is officially known as Nikolaj).

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